

Today I joined with U.S. Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) to welcome the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois' KidneyMobile to our nation's capitol in celebration of World Kidney Day. The purpose of World Kidney Day is to raise awareness about the importance of kidney-related issues and to spread the message that kidney disease is common, harmful and treatable.

Congressman Davis and I marked World Kidney Day with a screening in the KidneyMobile. It's the nation's only mobile education and screening vehicle developed to detect and prevent chronic kidney disease. To date, the KidneyMobile has traveled 14,000 miles across Illinois and screened 4,000 high-risk individuals.

As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I would like to thank the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois' Executive Director, Willa Lang, for organizing a successful World Kidney Day in Washington DC. By emphasizing the importance of prevention and education, the organization serves as a model for the rest of our country to follow.



Congressman Kirk, Willa Lang and the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois team in front of the Capitol



Congressmen Kirk and Davis in front of the KidneyMobile



Congressman Kirk gets a kidney screening in the KidneyMobile